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THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

The returns of the British elections, which are now taking place, show a strong Conservative reaction—a large number of seats being wrested from the Liberal party. The totals so far are: Liberals 358, Conservatives 176, Nationalists 35. The Conservative agents are confident of a majority of 25.

EXECUTION

Of a Batch of Indians.

HARTFORD, Nov. 27.—There was considerable excitement in Iowa today over the hanging of eight Indians, for murders committed last spring. Three others had been sentenced, but there was a commutation in one case, and Henry Man and Charlebois, the Indians who killed a crazy squaw, have had a reprieve. The carrying out of the sentences, which has given great satisfaction to the white residents here, who have no sentimental sympathy for the redskins who did the plundering and murdering in this district, and it is believed the executions will have a wholesome effect upon the Indian tribes and tend largely to the preservation of peace. The hangings were conducted publicly, and were witnessed by a large number of whites and a few Indians. No trouble occurred. In their last hours the condemned Indians were attended by priests. They all confessed their crimes and appeared to be indifferent as to their fate. Just before the gallows were erected and found to work perfectly, and today, in practical trial, no hitch occurred.

SUMS OF CRIMINALS.

For several days previous to the execution, the "unfortunates" were observed among the Indians. It was reported that the Blackfeet were on the move and in sympathy with the Indians in this vicinity. In fact, a report was raised that the Blackfeet were not far distant. Consequently, as a precautionary measure, the police around the barracks were doubled and mounted men patrolled to a considerable distance about the town. A few Indians from each reserve were collected to witness the execution.

Witnesses the execution, so that, by seeing they might be convinced that the condemned were actually hanged. The following are the names of those who suffered the penalty of their crimes: Paul Arrow, Miserable Man, Wandering Spirit, Red Body, Man Without Sky, Little Bear, and Thunder. With the exception of two, these men were Frog Lake murderers. WANDERING SPIRIT was last night inclined to be defiant, but today was more tractable. He made a clean breast to a white friend of the details of Frog Lake during the winter and spring, which in due time will appear in print, when acts and occurrences will come to light, which will prove the deep villainy of the promoters of the rebellion at their headquarters at Ratchoe. Those were the men who really are responsible for the bloodshed which took place in the Saskatchewan Valley.

THE EXECUTION.

Eight o'clock was the hour set for the execution, and promptly the officers of the law were on hand. Everything passed off without a hitch. The eight prisoners were placed on the trap, and awaited the death song of their tribes. They were an air of indifference, and bore the ordeal bravely. There was some little delay, but at 8:15 o'clock the trap fell, the eight Indians came crashing downward, and in a few minutes all was over. There was no haggling and no untimely animation was made, and the job pronounced well done. The Indians present made no demonstration, and appeared to be impressed by the fate of their companions. A large force of police was on hand.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Dominion Postman at has been in the press since Jan. 20th, 1886.

The Scott Act was defeated last week in Prescott and Russell by 309 majority.

Vice-President Hendricks, of the United States, died very suddenly last Wednesday, of paralysis of the brain.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, will meet in Winnipeg on Thursday Dec. 17th.

All the adult people in the village of St. Mathias, Que., whose population is two thousand, recently attended church and voluntarily took a pledge to abstain from intoxicating beverages for one year.

King Alfonso, of Spain, died last Wednesday morning. Princess Marcela, the five-year-old daughter of Alfonso, will be Queen, under the regency of her mother, Christiana. A Carlist rising is feared.

The Temperance people of Toronto have decided to vote only for municipal candidates who will agree to have a law passed restricting hotels and saloons hours to one hundred and shops to fifty, which means a reduction of more than half.

Sir John Macdonald has gone to London, Eng., to confer with the imperial authorities respecting a commission to arrange with the United States concerning fisheries; also regarding reciprocity and the transit of mails to Eastern Asia and other points on the Canadian Pacific. Other questions of importance are included in the premier's mission.

COMMUNICATIONS

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we are willing to give space in our paper at any time for the discussion of public questions.

We shall not publish any letter unless accompanied with the name and address of the sender, and necessarily intended for publication.

Reply to Poundmaker.

To the Editor of the Virden Advance:—Some time ago, I noticed in your paper that Poundmaker charged some parties with taking out without leave. Being one of the interested parties myself, I beg to deny the charge. Poundmaker must have been wrongly informed on the matter; and I may also say there is some little excuse for him, seeing that some of the friends are boarding with him (I think) and he probably wants someone to keep them company.

BELLEVUE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Mr. Jas. Levington, of this place, is going to leave shortly for Ontario. He intends bringing a car load of stock back with him.

Mr. John Short, J.P., left last week for a trip to his native land. Mr. Short is highly esteemed in this community, and he will be greatly missed upon his return. It is said that he may safely reach the old "Emerald Isle," and that he may bring back with him a bundle of land to share with him in all the joys and pleasures that Manitoba can afford.

The farmers of this place are very well satisfied with the present prospects, and are preparing to pursue farming with more vigor than ever. They are busily engaged in hauling their grain to Oak Lake station, as the market at that point proves more satisfactory than that at Virden; and so long as this state of affairs continues, this settlement will doubtless patronize Oak Lake. The lowest price realized for wheat is 47 cents per bushel.

Bellevue is pleasantly situated on Little Plum Creek, in the midst of a rich agricultural country. Little Plum Creek takes to the one mile southeast of the Pipestone Creek, and runs in an almost parallel direction with it. Both streams empty into Oak Lake at a distance of three miles apart. There is something remarkable about this creek which entitles it to rank among the natural curiosities of the world. It is composed of nice clear water ponds collected by small streams, and some of these streams were never known to freeze, thus making it a natural resort for cattle. The quality of the soil cannot be surpassed, and there is good water and hay grown, which makes this a most fertile farming district in every respect. It is only a little over three years since the first settlers came in here, and at that time not even the fact that a lake could be seen, but now we can boast of having several of the most fertile. In looking back we come to the conclusion that this place has made rapid progress, as there is a large area of land under cultivation and also a large amount of improvement done in the building line.

ELKHORN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Mr. Dan Feeney, of your town, has been here in the interest of his business. He is an energetic man and deserves success. Mr. Wm. Neill has taken his departure to Ontario for the winter. The social circle will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Mr. J. S. Little has left us for the winter, having taken his ticket for England. Rumor says it will require a double ticket for his return.

Threshing is still in progress throughout the district and will not be finished for two or three weeks yet. The weather has been exceedingly favorable for it and we hope will continue so.

Mr. Smith J. Woody, our respected Councilman, has almost recovered from his severe attack of typhoid fever, and expects to leave for Ontario shortly, for the winter. Mr. J. S. Mercer, his partner, who was also down with the same disease, has quite recovered and is at work again.

A rather notorious resident was visited upon by an unknown depredation, a few evenings ago, and requested to accompany them a short distance, when he was promptly provided with a new suit of tar and feathers. The wish is generally expressed that there were enough of the latter to allow him to fly away.

Municipal matters are beginning to be discussed and a lively election for Councilors is anticipated, with the exception of Ward 2 where Mr. Chispe appears to be the general choice for re-election, and will no doubt have no opposition. The Reeve ship is of course out of our hands altogether and excites but little comment.

Considerable wheat is being brought to market and the quality averages very good. Prices are not as high as they should be by several cents for the better class of grain, but the arrival of an opposition buyer is already having effect and in a very few days prices may be about right. The new buyer, being without shipping facilities, has so far only bought in car lots, of which he has secured several—but it is expected that within a day or two he will have the use of Mr. Lewis's warehouse and be in a position to buy loads.

The meeting called by the Reeve, to discuss the advisability of the Municipality aiding in the erection of elevators at Virden and here, was very largely attended. To give a detailed account of the meeting would take up too much of your valuable space, and it is sufficient to say that the scheme met with very general support. A committee was appointed, to confer with the Virden Committee next Saturday. It is to be hoped the local committee will formulate a scheme that will be acceptable to the whole municipality, and so place us beyond the present monopoly in a position to derive the full benefits of eastern markets.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY. WESTERN DIVISION.

TRAIN SERVICE.

On and after May 31st, 1886, trains will move as follows:

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Portage la Prairie	4:45 p.m.
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VIRIDEN AND VICINITY.

A number of new advertisements in this issue.
—Wallace Council meets next Tuesday at Virden.
—Mr. J. J. Canfield returned from the west last Friday.
—Mr. J. Tucker, of Moosemin, paid this town a visit last Saturday.
—A communication from "Across the River" is crowded out this week.
—Mr. Patton, general agent for the True and Loan Co., was in town yesterday.
—The Rev. R. D. Peters will preach at Woodnorth next Sabbath afternoon at 2:30.
—The Church of England people intend giving a concert about Christmas time.
—Two car loads of machinery, for the Virden Mill, arrived here last Monday.
—Neville Halliwell, of Woodworth, registered at the Virden House last Saturday.
—The ADVANCE from now till Jan. 3rd, 1887, for \$1.50. Now is the time to subscribe.

—Mr. Wyatt is building a large time-house and carpenter shop behind Seventh Avenue.
—Mr. John Grimmett will conduct the service at Elm Valley next Sunday morning at 10:30.
—Anyone getting up a club of five new subscribers, and sending us \$7.50, will receive the ADVANCE free for one year.

—Everyone is delighted with our new story. Help us to gain new subscribers by recommending the ADVANCE to your friends.
—A school census of the Virden School District has been taken, and it was found there were 112 children of school age.

—Messrs. Stevens & Palmer have opened up a lumber yard at Oak Lake. Prices same as at Virden. Mr. R. E. Campion to their agent.

—Mr. John Grimmett wishes us to state that a prairie fire was the cause of his failing to keep his appointments for preaching, recently.

—Mr. Shortt, J. P., left for the Old Country last Thursday morning. Rumor has it that Mr. Shortt will accompany him on his return.

—The best and cheapest Christmas present that you can send to your friends in England and abroad is the Virden ADVANCE for twelve months—only \$1.50.

—The Rev. T. B. Rayson, B.A., will preach next Sabbath, at 10:30 a.m., at the residence of Mr. Thos. Blake, at 8 p.m. in the Montgomery street house; and in Virden at the usual time.

—Last Wednesday evening the teachers of the Virden Union Family School gave the scholars a treat at the name. Tea was provided about the usual time, and afterwards games and rumps of all kinds were indulged in. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

—We notice by our Winnipeg exchange that most of the stores in Winnipeg have agreed to close at 8 p.m. each day, except Saturday, after the second day of next January. Why should not the same system be adopted in Virden, thus giving our deserving clerks a little time that they may call their own?

—WESTER'S UNABRIDGED ILLUSTRATED—Viewed as a whole, we are confident that no other living language has a dictionary which so fully and faithfully sets forth its present condition as this last edition of Webster does that of our written and spoken English tongue.—Harper's Magazine.

—We would draw the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the "New West Farmer" in our column. The New West Farmer has on foot a premium scheme in which everybody should participate. Write to the office of publication, Winnipeg, for the premium list, or call at the office where copies may be had and subscriptions will be taken. No farmer can afford to be without the New West Farmer.

—The ball that was held in the new hall, last Wednesday, was a great success. The room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and great prizes were due to Messrs. Moore, Lewis and McDougall, for the trouble they went to, for the benefit of the young people of this town. The supper was provided by Mr. E. Bellamy and all that could be desired. After a most enjoyable time spent in the pleasures of the company, the company broke up about 8 o'clock.

Y. M. C. A. Organized.

A public meeting was held last Monday night at the Presbyterian church, for the purpose of forming a Y. M. C. A. as a social number was present. Rev. Mr. Beynon was called to the chair and Mr. McLean acted as secretary. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved to organize a Y. M. C. A. at once and proceed to the election of officers. The following were the officers elected: Mr. A. Farnham, president; Mr. W. T. B. Kennedy, Secretary; and Mr. Jas. Wilson, Treasurer. The meeting then adjourned to meet again next Monday evening, at 8 o'clock.

More Elevators Wanted.

Last Saturday afternoon a public meeting was held at the Virden House, for the purpose of considering the advisability of the Municipality aiding the farmers in the erection of elevators at Virden and Elkhorn. A large number of our leading farmers were present and took part in the discussion. Reeves McDougall was called to the chair and Mr. Fraser was appointed Secretary.

Reeves McDougall, after pointing out the great need of more elevator accommodation, laid before the meeting a scheme by which he thought the present difficulties could be overcome. The essence of the scheme was that the farmers should form a joint stock company (limited liability) for the purpose of building elevators; that a loan should be obtained on the basis of the company's property, to enable the company to build; and that the said company pay the interest and sinking fund each year. By this means we should have more elevators and no taxes to pay for building them.

After a number of those present had spoken (and agreeing that more elevator accommodation was required) the following resolutions were moved and adopted:

Resolved, That this meeting resolves to tender a vote of thanks to Reeves McDougall for bringing before the members of the Municipality of Wallace the interesting statements regarding the erection of elevators at Virden and Elkhorn by a Joint Stock Company, the expenses of which to be guaranteed by the Municipality of Wallace; that we approve of the said scheme and recommend it to the favorable consideration of the municipality.

Resolved, That Messrs. Thomson, Rontledge, Bouvier and Bennett be appointed, along with the Mayor, as a committee, to attend the meeting on Monday, at Elkhorn, and report to another meeting to be held here on Saturday next, at 2 p.m.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

The Nom de Plume Club.

Precisely at 8 o'clock the President, sitting on the chair, all the members present except Secsir. The President opened the meeting in a stinging manner on the historic Adams theory, the political opinions of Bob Ingersoll and the best way to grow tobacco, and concluded by exhorting the members to be bold and courageous in the face of danger. The speech was a very exhaustive one, occupying two minutes and seventeen seconds, and was listened to with wrapt attention. Only a few members were closing only their optics and departing for the land of nod.

Nipco now brought in a report that the committee had inquired into the appearance of Messrs. Maple and Stanow and found them eligible for majority. The ballot being taken in their favor. The candidates were then admitted and rode the bleared-eve goat seventeen times round the room in grand style. The initiation was of a peculiar character. Frost was knocked under the writing desk. Messrs. were buttered over the nose, and the few of the members had their coats torn by the back. At this point Secsir came in and, having given all the members except the president a set of 2 for 2 cent cigars, he bowed to his seat. The president called upon this members to put Secsir out, but they refused and he was allowed to remain. About this time a kick was heard at the door and on inquiring it was found that a person by the name of Orling desired admission. Immediately, if not sooner, Nipco, who had been smoking one of Secsir's cigars, unlimbered himself, and having put the cigar in his coat, he announced a brilliant speech in support of the candidate who was standing at the door. He hoped the club would admit him on account of his being a friend of Trapper. Nipco was waxing eloquent on the subject of Orling's admission when all at once someone, with a yell like a North American Indian, shouted, fire! Suddenly the room was filled with a thrill of severity. The president sprang from his chair, suddenly that it went crashing to the wall; then he ran against the door with the force of a nine-pounder, tearing it off its hinges. Orling, meekly stretched himself on the floor, while the president and the door pressed him as though he were a Dutch cheese. The calm departure of the president, the new patient process of opening the door and the gathering smoke in the room, filled the members with consternation. All the members except Nipco rushed out, tumbling over the president's feet, and when the fire brigade arrived, the fire brigade, finding there was no fire to put out, turned homewards, and once more tranquility reigned. The president, having been carried to his chair, the business of the evening was resumed. When Orling entered it was noticed that his appearance was slightly changed, his countenance being spread out like a buckwheat pancake; and in consideration of the gentle manner with which he sustained his few bruises he was allowed to become a member at once without further preliminaries.

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